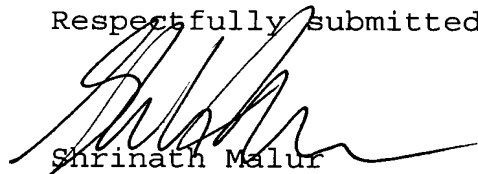


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to be in better form. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 4 and 8 have been amended in a manner consistent with the amendment to the specification.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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